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A Hong Kong electronics firm with close connections to China recently was denied an export license to purchase a US VAX 11/782 computer because of insufficient proof of a legitimate end user in Hong Kong. A Canadian firm, however, subsequently purchased the computer and legally sold it to the Hong Kong firm.

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Comment:

The Chinese probably will acquire the VAX 11/782 because of the close relationship between China and the Hong Kong firm. Because the computer falls under the green line of exportable items to China, it could have been purchased legally from the United States. The Chinese, however, continue to use circuitous, sometimes illegal, channels of acquisition in order to maintain contacts with middlemen who have served them well in the past, and as a hedge against the possibility of stricter US export controls in the future. The end use of the computer cannot be determined because of the close integration of civilian and military R&D and production in China.

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